

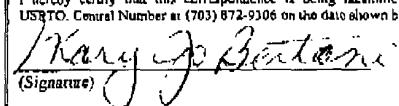
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 7, 2004, Applicant elects to prosecute the species of Group I Claims 1-10, with traverse. Claims 11-26 are withdrawn without prejudice.

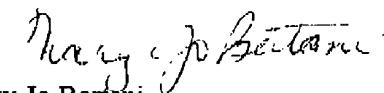
Applicant has amended Claim 1 to delete the word "aircraft" from the phrase "aircraft configuration". Claim 10 has been amended to delete the extraneous phrase "further comprising".

Applicant also traverses the restriction requirement with respect to Groups I and II. Claims 11-21 essentially implement the methods of Claims 1-10 in a computerized design system. The search conducted for Claims 1-10 should include a search of design systems that are configured to perform the methods of Claims 1-10, and therefore should not increase the burden of examining Claims 11-21. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement for Group II, and examination of Claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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